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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application are the following:

1. Amendment and Response;
2. Substitute Specification-Amended Version (39 pages);
3. Substitute Specification-Clean Version (39 pages);
4. Petition for Extension of Time;
5. Information Disclosure Statement;
6. PTO Form 1449 and Cited Art (22 pieces); and
7. Decision on Appeal No. 2001-0389 (9 pages);

**APPLICANTS CLAIM SMALL ENTITY STATUS.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

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